

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~An at least five-layered, biaxially oriented, shrinkable and sealable~~ A tubular film for packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs, characterized in that comprising at least five layers wherein the tubular film ~~consists of~~ comprises an inner layer of at least one heat-sealable poly-olefin and/or modified polyolefin, a core layer of polyolefin, and an outer layer of at least one polyamide, as well as two intermediate layers arranged between the inner layer and the core layer and between the core layer and the outer layer, respectively.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inner layer consists of homopolymers of ethylene or propylene and/or copolymers of linear α -olefins having 2 to 8 C atoms.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polyolefins of the inner layer ~~preferably~~ consist of linear low-density polyethylene, high-density polyethylene, polypropylene homopolymers, polypropylene block copolymers and polypropylene random copolymers.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inner layer consists of at least one polyethylene produced using a metallocene catalyst.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inner layer includes modified polyolefins, said modified polyolefins being

copolymers of ethylene or propylene and optionally further linear α -olefins having 3 to 8 C atoms with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acids, preferably acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and/or metal salts thereof and/or alkyl esters thereof, and/or graft copolymers of α,β -unsaturated dicarboxylic acids, preferably maleic acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, and anhydrides, esters, amides or imides thereof on polyolefins or polyolefin copolymers.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inner layer consists of a polyolefin and/or modified polyolefin with a melting point of 70-130°C, a density of 0.86-0.98 g/cm³ and a melt index of 0.2-15 g/10 min.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein the core layer consists of homopolymers of ethylene or propylene and/or copolymers of linear α -olefins having 2 to 8 C atoms.

Claim 8 (New): The tubular film according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polyolefins of the core layer preferably consist of linear low-density polyethylene, high-density poly-ethylene, polypropylene homopolymers, polypropylene block copolymers and polypropylene random copolymers.

Claim 9 (New): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the intermediate layers consist of polyolefins and/or modified polyolefins.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polyolefins are homopolymers of ethylene or propylene and/or copolymers of linear α -olefins having 2 to 8 C atoms.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the modified polyolefins are copolymers of ethylene or propylene and optionally further linear α -olefins having 3 to 8 C atoms with α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acids, preferably acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and/or metal salts thereof and/or alkyl esters thereof, and/or graft copolymers of α,β -unsaturated dicarboxylic acids, preferably maleic acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, or anhydrides, esters, amides or imides thereof on polyolefins or polyolefin copolymers.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the outer layer consists of a homopolyamide and/or copolyamide produced from monomers selected from the group of caprolactam, laurilactam, ω -aminoundecanoic acid, adipic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, decanedicarboxylic acid, dodecanedicarboxylic acid, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, tetramethylenediamine, pentamethylenediamine, hexamethylenediamine, octamethylenediamine, and xylylenediamine.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the tubular film has been subjected to coextrusion and biaxial stretching.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the tubular film has been subjected to coextrusion, biaxial stretching and subsequent heat-setting.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The tubular film according to ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the tubular film has a wall thickness of from 30 to 100 μm , preferably from 40 to 90 μm .

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of the tubular film according to any of claims 1 to 15~~ A method for packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs comprising packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs with the tubular film as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A bag ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said bag is produced from a tubular film according to ~~any of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 by welding or sealing the inner layer on itself.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of the bag produced according to claim 17~~ A method for packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs comprising packaging and wrapping meat, meat with bones, or pasty foodstuffs with the bag as claimed in claim 17.

Claim 19 (New): A tubular film as claimed in claim 1 wherein said tubular film is biaxially oriented, shrinkable and sealable.

Claim 20 (New): A food wrap comprising the tubular film as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 21 (New): A food package comprising the tubular film as claimed in claim 1.